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In re Application of: )  
Pierre RAMONI ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/551,995 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: October 4, 2005 )  
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A ) Confirmation No.: 6465  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication in a related foreign application (PCT/CH2004/000208). A copy of the International Search Report is attached, along with a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report. A copy of each of the listed foreign patent documents is also attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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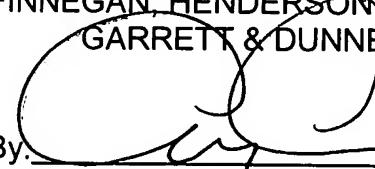
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Respectfully submitted,

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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
		GB 866 082	04-26-1961	Handy & Harman		
		JP 58-016039	01-29-1983	Sumitomo Denki Kogyo		Patent Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
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		PCT International Search Report, mailed July 23, 2004 (2 pages).		
		International Preliminary Examination Report, dated July 13, 2005 (4 pages).		

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